

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for a moving vehicle having an interior seat, seat back and foot well for protecting said interior seat, seat back and foot well from being soiled by a child in a safety seat, comprising:

a mat having a perimeter and having a conformal surface for placement between a safety seat having a base and a lateral confinement, and said seat of the vehicle, said mat having a lateral dimension and a longitudinal dimension, wherein said mat lateral dimension extends beyond the lateral confinement of said safety seat and has a flange outwardly extending at least 1 inch from said conformal surface and around at least a portion of the perimeter of said mat to define a containment area ~~for containment of liquid spills within said mat~~, said mat containment area includes a pass-through for a safety belt having a perimeter and a flange outwardly extending at least 1 inch from said conformal surface of said mat that extends around at least a portion of the perimeter of said pass-through to maintain the integrity of said containment area for containment of liquid spills within said mat, and said mat longitudinal dimension further extends beyond the base of said safety seat and into said foot well.

2. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said mat longitudinal dimension further includes an extended surface that conforms to said vehicle seat back.

3. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said mat is plastic, and is capable of being folded.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said foot well includes a horizontal surface and a vertical surface, and wherein said conformal surface of said mat includes a horizontal portion that conforms to said seat, a vertical portion that conforms to said vertical foot well surface, and a horizontal portion that conforms to said horizontal foot well surface.

7. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said conformal surface of said mat further includes a vertical portion that conforms to said seat back.

8. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said mat accommodates more than one safety seat

9. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said mat lateral dimension extends beyond the lateral confinement of said safety seat at least 3 inches.

10. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said mat is comprised of multiple pieces.

11. (Currently Amended) A device for a moving vehicle having an interior seat, seat back and foot well for protecting said interior seat, seat back and foot well from being soiled by a child in a safety seat, comprising:

a mat having a perimeter and having a conformal surface for placement between a safety seat having a base and a lateral confinement, and the seat of a vehicle, said mat having a lateral dimension and a longitudinal dimension, wherein said mat lateral dimension extends beyond the lateral confinement of said safety seat at least 2 inches, and has a flange extending outwardly from said mat surfaces at least 1 inch from said mat conformal surface, said flange extending around the perimeter of said mat to define a

containment area for containment of liquid spills within said mat, said mat also contains a pass-through for a safety belt having a perimeter and a flange outwardly extending at least 1 inch from said conformal surface of said mat and extending around at least a portion of the perimeter of said pass-through to maintain the integrity of said containment area for containment of liquid spills within said mat that maintains the integrity of said containment area for containment of liquid spills within said mat.

12. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said mat containment area is capable of containing more than one-half liter of liquid.

13. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said mat longitudinal dimension further extends beyond the base of said safety seat and into said foot well.

14. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said foot well includes a horizontal surface and a vertical surface, and wherein said conformal surface of said mat includes a horizontal portion that conforms to said seat, a vertical portion that conforms to said vertical foot well surface, and a horizontal portion that conforms to said horizontal foot well surface.

15. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said conformal surface of said mat further includes a vertical portion that conforms to said seat back.

16. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said mat is comprised of multiple pieces.

17. (Currently Amended) A device for a moving vehicle having an interior seat, seat back and foot well, said foot well having horizontal and vertical surfaces, for protecting said interior seat, seat back, and foot well surfaces from being soiled by a child

in a safety seat, comprising:

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a mat having a perimeter and having a conformal surface for placement between a safety seat having a base and a lateral confinement, and the seat of a vehicle, ~~said mat having a flange extending outwardly at least 1 inch from said mat conformal surface, said flange extending around at least a portion of the perimeter of said mat to define a containment area for containment of liquid spills within said mat, and said conformal surface of said mat includes a horizontal portion that conforms to said seat, a vertical portion that conforms to said vertical foot well surface, and a horizontal portion that conforms to said horizontal foot well surface, said horizontal portion having a flange extending outwardly at least 1 inch from said mat conformal surface, said flange extending around at least a portion of the perimeter of said mat to define a containment area for containment of liquid spills within said horizontal portion of said mat.~~

18. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said mat has a lateral dimension and said mat lateral dimension extends beyond the lateral confinement of said safety seat at least 2 inches.

19. (Original) The device as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said mat containment area is capable of containing more than one-half liter of liquid.

20. (Withdrawn) The device as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said conformal surface of said mat further includes a vertical portion that conforms to said seat back.